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SATURDAY MORNING .......APRIL 29, 1878. THE TESTIMONY of yesterday in the Insane Asylum investigation completely disposed of the two cases upon which the whole trouble has rested, and it is to be hoped that the hungry crowd that surrouds the committee-room each day will be satisfied with the result of their efforts in furnishing evidence for which they have not been rewarded. A detailed report will be found elsewherei

THE leading Democrats in the House begin to feel that the position of doorkeeper of the House is a superfluous luxury which can be dispensed with, and contemplate its abolition. It is proposed to devolve the present duties of the office upon the Sergeant-at-Arms, who will detail deputies to attend to them. There is no doubt that Mr. Thompson would manage the affairs of the office much more satisfactorily than the present incumbent.

THE decision of Chief Justice Cartter in the Kilbourn contempt case will be found in other columns. It will be observed that he sustains the views which have been persistently advocated in this journal, and, as we predicted he would, remands the witness to the dominion of the indictment for misdemeanor upon which the bench warrant was issued. This is precisely what Mr. Kilbourn's counsel have been contending for, and may be considered as a triumph of the rights of the people, through the habeas corpus, over the usurpations of the House.

THE proposed tax upon the personal property of citizens of this District will no doubt be very difficult of assessment and collection. While those honestly disposed will make correct returns and struggle in their efforts to pay their assessments, those who consider it both sharp and commendable to evade what they esteem as an unjust and iniquitous law will succeed in eluding the vigilance of the assessors and collectors. Thus the honest citizens and tradesmen will be oppressed, if not impoverished, by the unequal burdens imposed, while the unscrupulous and dishonest will thrive by the evasion of them.

## A SCANDAL CHECKED.

L For three weeks the press has been glutted with heartrending scenes and stories respecting the District Insane Asylum. The public appetite for scandal being sharpened by a long series of falsehoods and exaggerations was in good condition to driak in with one gulph the baseless rumors respecting the actual condition of affairs at this institution. Long before the investigation commenced a formidable combination was secured for the express purpose of injuring the good name of the superintendent of the place as well as the place itself. Men had personal spites to vent, designing motives to accomplish and avaricious ends to obtain. They scrupled not at willful meanness, neither did they pause at perverted truth, but coming forward with revelations based upon sandy foundations they heralded broadcast over the land their nauscating stories, and attempted to hoodwink the public by their startling statements. A band of detective press men have been smelling for them. They went out like reapers into the slums and byways of the country, instructed to glean therefrom material for evidence. This evidence was taken, and after being exaggerated by these men was placed before the public as the truth. People believed it. It was looked upon as the testimony of responsible persons, rendered in an impartial spirit, when it was in reality a conglomerated mess of spleen, vented to satiate a morbid desire of a few well-known men to injure the reputation of the superintendent. Since the defense has introduced its evidence there has been a material change in the complexion of the affairs of the institution. Truth is dawning upon the public. The infamous stories are positively denied. The scandal is checked, and justice appears at

"BILL" SPRINGER, HIS MARK. Among the several Democratic member of the House who have been airing their heroic patriotism in the stiff breezes of hearsay rumors against Republican officials, Mr. Will Springer, of Springfield, Sangamon county, Illinois, has been rather pre-eminently prominent and rantankerously gaseous than otherwise. Mr. Springer, sometimes with odious familiarity called "Bill" Springer, has frequently sailed in against "Republican rascalities, no matter of what hue, red, white, black, hottle-green, or pepper-colored. He was so intensely patriotic that he opposed the Centennial appropriation, and was permitted to get in an amendment which he thought would destroy the bill, but which it was discovered only demonstrated, not to put too fine a point upon it, that he was a parliamentary ass, and didn't know beans when the bag was open. In short, his amendment turned out to be just the reverse of what he intended, and had he been born a gosling or with an orange for a head, he could not have put his foot in it

worse than he actually did. But "Bill" Springer has reached his patriotic grand climacteric in searching for and finding out abuses in our diplomatic and consular service. This was in his line as chairman of the Committee on Expendi-

tures in the State Department. He has pursued our ministers and consuls abroad with a zeal seldom equaled, and never surpassed. And what this zealous patriot don't know about those fellows is not worth ktowing. He must have a museum of diplomatic and consular curiosities—the cocked-hats our ministers wore on grand occasions; the cocktails they would have drank if they could; the diamonds their wives and daughters wanted, but didn't have the spondulicks to pay for, and which have accordingly been shipped to "Bill" on the steamer Leviathan, and adorn his cabinet as fossil remains of Republican extravagance: the swords and spurs and gold lace and big plumes, and the "fuss and feathers" generally of the diplomatic establishment-all, all have been cared for by "Bill" Springer, who is going to vindicate the honor of the Republic in this branch of the service. In fine, the Hon. "Bill" Springer is going to make his mark in

American polities by knocking our diplomatic and consular service into sunthereens This reminds us that Mr. "Bill S." has "made his mark" before. And in the interest of historical truth we now proceed to show when and how. It will be seen that his patriotism, like the atmosphere of the House, needs ventilation, and 'we ventilate accordingly. There was in the Northwest, during the war, an organization called the "Sons of Liberty," so named because they were the friends of slavery and of the slaveholders' rebellion. The "Sons of Liberty" rendered all the aid and comfort they could to the enemies of the Union. At one time they undertook to get up quite a general rebellion in the States of the Northwest, especially Illinois and Indiana. It was their purpose to liberate the rebel prisoners at Camp Douglas, Chicago, and at other camps, arm them and set them on the unarmed people. All the details of this most wicked, treasonable and cruel plot are set forth in "The Rebellion Record," volume 11, pages 413 to 417, inclusive, in a report by Colonel B. J. Sweet. Many of the "Sons of Liberty" were arrested, important papers seized and considerable quantities of arms captured. By the vigilance and efficiency of Colonel Sweet ter rible scenes of slaughter and violence were prevented, and the abominable character of the "Sons of Liberty" and their diabolical intentions made known to the Government

and the public. Says Col. Sweet in his official report of November 23, 1864: "An examination of 'many of the persons so arrested shows, beyond all doubt, flint the 'Sons of Lib-'erty' is a treasonable, widely extended 'and powerful organization, touching into 'almost if not all the counties of this 'State, (Illinois); that it is an organiza-"tion of two branches, one civil the other 'military, the members of the civil being "on probation for the military branch; that 'important secrets in relation to military 'plans and the location of the depots for 'arms were carefully guarded from per-'sons of civil membership, though even they well knew that the organization "had such depots, and was animated with "a spirit of intense hostility to the Government; that many of its leaders must have known of the intended attack on this camp and city, (Chicago,) and that some of them have actually been in con-'sultation, face to face, with men whom they knew to be rebel officers, conspiring to produce a revolution in the North-

Such was this treasonable organization, which was twice foiled, by the vigorous measures of the military, in its attempts to produce general revolution and bloody scenes of terror in Illinois, and which for many months plotted and schemed and labored to place the Northwest in the power of the rebellion. And it was in this organization that Mr.

Springer, of Illinois, first made his mark. Appended to Col. Sweet's official report, from which we have quoted and made a part thereof, is a list of names "of prom-'inent members of the 'Sons of Liberty "in the several counties of the State of "Illinois." If you will carefully scan this list of names of prominent members of this treasonable organization (page 417, vol. 11, Rebellion Record,) you will find "W. M. Springer, Sangamon." And it is the same man, the identical "Bill" Springer, who is now one of the leaders of the House, whose chief occupation is to gather dirt and fling it over men who were prominently guilty of upholding the cause of the Union against traitors South or North. It is well for men of this kind that Gen. Sweet has gone to his reward in the better land. So long as he lived, with his thorough personal and documentary knowledge of the "Sons," they had to stay in their holes. After his death they came out into the open air, and some of them, in one of beaven's heaviest afflictions, now make their mark in the Congress of the United States! Of this hateful element in affairs we can well quote : "Man wants but little here below, nor wants that little long." The sooner it shall be sent back to its hiding place the better. But for the certainty that its power is brief one might despair of the Republic.

EDITORIAL POSTSCRIPT. The feelings of our ex-Confederates must be handled gently during this Centennial year. If they attempt to pull down the American flag, don't you shoot them on the spot, but postpone it until you have no flag for them to pull down. And, actuated by the same kind motives, we further suggest that all maimed Union veterans should be prevented from visiting the Centennial, on the grounds that it might hurt the feelings of our fastidious ex-Confederate friends.

The Democratic Executive Committee has sent tushels of copies of Clymer's report on the Belknap matter to New Hampshire, and they are now busily engaged in sending Ben. Hill's speech to every Democrat south of the Mason and Dixon line. How fortunate it is for them to be able to furnish their following with matter suited to their respective tastes. In ord to have fresh matter, why not allow Ben. h to deliver the speech in defense of secession which he has prepared and is auxious to give to the public !

The object of the ex-Confederate Congress is to prolong the investigations until the eve of the Presidential election, and then, without giving the parties assailed time to vindicate their honor, send their ex parte statements widespread over the land for the purpose of minting political wealth. If the people of the country could realize the fact that these investigations are sapping the Treasury of many thousand dollars a day without showing anything in return for the money expended, they would demand that they be closed up as soon as the public weal will permit, and not drag their lazy lengths along into the ripening days of autumn.

Whenever the ex-Confederate Congress meets with an opportunity to swing slander and vituperation against Republican officials through the land it seizes upon it with a gourmish delight that is not only disgusting to all high-minded men of both parties, but is reprehensible in the extreme. Through the keyholes of their star-chamber doors rumors crept which reflected upon the honor and integrity of Secretary Bristow. Prompt to squelch scandal, that gentleman nailed the lie and proved its gratuitous falsity. Then came vile stories about Mr. Blaine, and in one strong, frank and forcible statement the untruth was killed. Again, Attorney General Pierrepont was bitterly assailed, and he, too, laid the scandal dead at his feet. Once more, and we find these insatiable pursuers upon the trail leading to the White House, and suddenly, like an awful revelation, they cried, "Caught at last," and when the whole truth was made known about the New York registration they quietly crawled into their holes and took great

recaution to draw their holes in after them.

Belknap they caught, but even he they have their own pets would be harmed in its accomplishment. Thus, for weeks and weeks, the ex-Codfederate generals have been sitting in judgment on the mee whom they could not defeat in the hot wrath of a most unhappy war, persecuting them, reviling them; slander ing them and wronging them, only that they might coin political capital and vant a debased and wicked spite.

The attempt which is just now being made to smirch the character of General Reynolds by the Confederate Congress, through their de lectable gang of standing witnesses, will be equally as disasterous to that body and their mercenary, pliant tools as were their late outrageous efforts to defame the character of ex-Speaker Blaine. The gentleman whom our Confederate House is now seeking to traduce is one whose character has become identical with that of the truest, bravest and most thoroughly incorruptible of our nation's oldest and ablest servants. Joseph J. Reynolds and U.S. Grant entered the army from West Point, July 1, 1843, the former as a brevet second lieutenant of artillery, the latter with the same rank in the Fourth infantry, and during the thirty-three years which have since clapsed these two old class-mates nation's livery with honor alike to themselves and their country. Their fidelity to the nation, and their able service ip its behalf through the awful storms of rebellion, treason and murder which burst wide-spread throughout our Southern States in 1881, constitute, with the present Confederate Congress, sufficient cause to consign all such patriots as President Grant and General Reynolds to everlasting torture and disgrace. Fortunate for the country, it is, however, that the malevolent and undwing hatred of our Confederate Congress for the Union is so intense that they have been led thereby into "indiscretions" so gross and unmistakable as to fully arouse the earnest attention of every loyal soul in the land to the terrible dangers which our own magnanimity toward, and misplaced confidence in the rebels have brought upon us, and which must, and will, be forever crushed out at the next Presidential election.

"Rose Michel." This strange and wonderfully attractive drama which has created such a furore in New York, where it was plioted to victory by Miss Rose Eytinge, who played it one hundred and thirty nights, will be presented to our citizens on Monday next at the National theatre. The play is French, after the peculiarly sensational, emotional style of Eugene Suc. It deals with over-wrought human passions in violent scenes; it has the requisite amount of romance, a great deal of the dark side of humanity, and an immense quantity of the best basis of a drama, real life. It is in brief a melo-drama bordering on tragedy. The principal character was suggested by the peasant mother in Victor Hugo's 'Ninety Three." "Rose Michel" endures the rack, the reproaches of conscience and the anguish of a sympathetic heart for a worshiped benefactress, and would see an innocent man brought to the scaffold to save a detested husband, that no stain of dishonor on the family may destroy her daughter's certainty of a happy marriage. This character is personated by Rose Eytinge in a manner to make it one of the great creations of the

modern stage. She is not great by fits and starts alone, but the whole part is said by the leading New York critics to be a complete and finished study, round and perfect as a star. She is as artistic in her picturesque costume as in her acting, and one forgets the improbabilities of the play when she is on the stage, and becomes insensibly absorbed in a real tragedy. Miss Eytinge has by her intensity and genius raised this melo-drama to the plane of tragedy. Rose Eytinge is, without doubt, the greatest actress now living on the American stage, and the sure successor of Charlotte Cushman. We hope that upon her return to this city we may see her in those roles which will exhibit in its full power the great tragic genius she has so unexpectedly developed in "Rose Michel."

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